

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

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**TOPIC      Brass Bluegill Award**

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Each year the DNR sponsors an award honoring an individual for their efforts in helping our citizens become skilled anglers and advocates of fishing and natural resource conservation. This year we are recognizing Brad Freihof, a naturalist with the Johnson County Conservation Board.

Brad was first trained in *Fish Iowa!* in 1995 and has worked with thousands of youth over the years. He became a *Fish Iowa!* mentor in 2005 and has trained 20 other instructors who have reached more than 5,400 youth.

In 2005, he partnered with the Johnson County Park and Recreation Departments to provide family specific fishing opportunities in urban settings. He has established programs in Iowa City, Coralville, and North Liberty. Last year he worked with 90 urban youth from Iowa City through a week-long “survivor” day camp at F.W. Kent Park

The Brass Bluegill Award has been sponsored by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Aquatic Education Program since 1997.

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